

In your county jail, in one year...

11,992 jail days for known substance abusers in the WMIP target population



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Snohomish County Jail Days

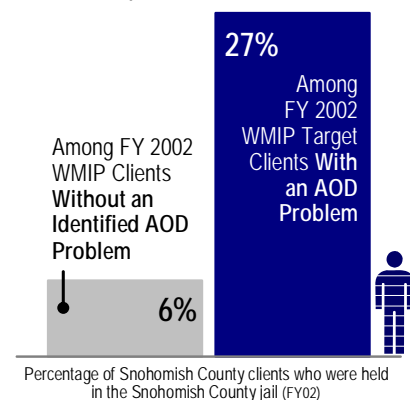
In a companion handout, we provided arrest findings and service rates for DSHS clients in Snohomish County who are being provided the opportunity to participate in the Washington Medicaid Integration Partnership (WMIP) – a Snohomish County pilot project authorized by the Legislature aimed at coordinating Medicaid services to improve health outcomes for aged, blind, or disabled clients. By cross-matching Snohomish County Jail data for these clients, we are able to measure how much time this population is spending in the Snohomish County Jail in a typical year.¹ The linkage and analysis of DSHS client data and County Jail data was performed by Looking Glass Analytics.

The Findings

Clients with alcohol or drug problems are more likely to go to jail

Percent with jail stay in FY 2002

Snohomish County, 2002

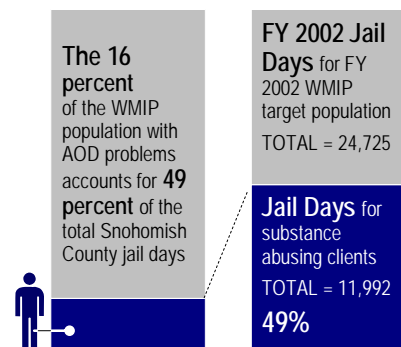


- **16 percent** of FY 2002 clients in the WMIP target population had an alcohol or drug (AOD) disorder identified in their medical claims.
- Clients in the FY 2002 WMIP target population with an identified AOD disorder in their medical claims are **four times more likely** to have spent time in the Snohomish County Jail, compared to those without an identified AOD disorder.
- **WMIP target clients with a jail stay in FY 2002 spent on average 37.2 days in the jail** during the year. The average for WMIP target clients with an AOD disorder was 38.6 days.

WMIP clients with alcohol or drug problems and their time in jail

AOD disorders and county jail time

Snohomish County, 2002



- In the WMIP target population, clients with identified AOD disorders accounted for almost **half of the Snohomish County Jail days** – 11,992 days (49 percent) of 24,725 days total.
- This count of jail days does not include time in the county's two smaller jails, or the time these clients spent in jail outside Snohomish County.
- This count of jail days in a single year is the **tip of the iceberg**. Clients with substance abuse problems are jailed at high rates year after year.

¹ Data are presented for 7,118 Snohomish County age 21+ categorically needy aged, blind, or disabled Medicaid clients (not dually eligible for Medicare) in FY 2002.